# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:96
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2011
PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the agencies involved in the procurement of foodgrains in various States including Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government has recently assessed the performance of these procuring agencies;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether adequate number of procurement centres have been opened by the said agencies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of centres targeted and actually opened during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and agency-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (e): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 96 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 01.03.2011

(a), (b) & (c) The procurement of wheat and rice is undertaken on behalf of the Government of India by Food Corporation of India and State Governments through state agencies.

Before the commencement of procurement season, a review meeting is held with all the concerned State food secretaries where all necessary arrangements to maximize the procurement are reviewed. Statewise details of agencies involved, agencywise procurement performance of rice as on 24.2.2011 for KMS 2010-11 and for wheat for RMS 2010-11 is placed at Annexure I.

(d) & (e) The State Governments in consultation with FCI decide on the number and location of procurement centres. The details of procurement centres opened during the last three years statewise is annexed at Annexure-II.